

REMARKS

Claims 15-21, 35-41, and 43 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-14, 22-34, and 42 have been canceled without prejudice.

The following remarks are in response to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2005.

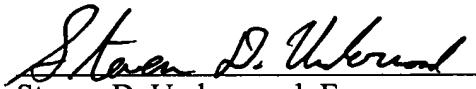
In response to the election requirement on page 3 of the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group 2. Although the Office Action describes Group 2 as consisting of claims 15-21 and 35-43, claim 42 was listed as part of Group 1. Therefore, Applicants understand Group 2 to consist of claims 15-21, 35-41, and 43, and have canceled claim 42. If Applicants' understanding is incorrect, prompt notification of the correct grouping is hereby respectfully requested.

This is not an admission that the two groups of claims are separately patentable or directed to distinct inventions. Election is made solely to advance prosecution of this application, which has been pending for nearly five years.

No fee is believed to be due with this Response. However, if any fee is due, please charge that fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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